

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/743,441
Attorney Docket No.: Q79134

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, in the last line of claim 1, the symbol “m” is a typographical error. The correct symbol is “n.” An appropriate correction has been made.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-5 are pending.

In Paragraph No. 2 of the Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

The Examiner states that claim 1 recites the limitation “m represents 0 or 1” in the last line. Per the Examiner, there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

In response, as noted, Applicants have corrected the typographical error in the last line of claim 1, replacing the symbol “m” with the correct symbol “n.”

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the §112, second paragraph, indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-5.

In Paragraph No. 4 of the Action, claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Takamiya (US 2004/0063036 A1).

Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn because Takamiya is not prior art with respect to the present claims.

Takamiya has a §102(e) date of September 17, 2003, which is later in time than the dates of both of Applicants’ priority documents. To remove Takamiya as prior art and overcome the rejection, Applicants submit herewith verified English translations of their priority documents and point out §112 support of the present claims in the priority documents as follows:

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<u>Present Claim</u>	<u>Section 112 Support for JP 2003-020750</u>	<u>Section 112 Support for JP 2002-382231</u>
1	Claim 1, p. 1	
2		Claim 1, p. 1
3	Pages 11-12 (see (m1), (m2), (m3), (m4) and (m7))	
4	Page 21, line 16 to page 25, line 2	
5	Page 25, line 12 to page 41, next-to-last line	

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the §102(e) rejection of claims 1 and 3-5 based on Takamiya should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The Examiner will note that one of the priority documents, that is, JP 2002-382231, refers to “an infrared photosensitive lithographic printing plate precursor.” In the photosensitive lithographic printing plate precursor of JP ‘231, the photosensitive material generates heat upon exposure to light, and the solubility of the exposed areas changes as a result of being heated. That is, the photosensitive material has heat-sensitivity. Thus, JP ‘231 uses the expression “photosensitive” in the same sense as the term or expression “heat-sensitive” is used in the present application.

While claim 2 is not included in the rejection, Applicants have pointed out §112 support for claim 2 in the priority document JP ‘231.

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Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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